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| For: ELECTRONIC APPARATUS AND ELECTRONIC SYSTEM PROVIDED WITH THE SAME |))) |

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Sir:

LETTER REQUESTING ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT FILED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97

An Information Disclosure Statement was filed in this application on July 25, 2000. In reviewing our files, we find that the Examiner has not considered Japanese Registered UM Publication No. 3048543 submitted with that Information Disclosure Statement. Applicants point out that a concise explanation of that document had been included, beginning at the last paragraph of page 1 of said Information Disclosure Statement, thereby satisfying the requirements set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3)(i). (Applicants also wish to point out the obvious typographical error in the last paragraph

of page 1; "3048534" should be --3048543--, as correctly indicated on the Form PTO-1449.)

A copy of the Information Disclosure Statement with the relevant portion highlighted for the Examiner's convenience, the Information Disclosure Citation on Form PTO-1449, a copy of Publication No. 3048543 and its English Abstract, and the postcard that was filed with the Information Disclosure Statement and stamped by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to indicate receipt of the papers, is attached.

The Examiner is respectfully requested either to return a duplicate of the copy of the Form PTO-1449 or issue a Supplemental Notice of Allowability (PTOL-37) which indicates that the subject document was considered by the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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PLEASE STAMP TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THE FOLLOWING:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (w/ Form PTO 1449 and documents listed therein).

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. To the undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents are attached.

In lieu of a statement of relevance for each of the remaining non-English language documents, English language abstracts are being provided therefor.

The following is a concise statement of relevance for Japanese Publication No. 3048534.

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Object: To make it possible to have accessory parts such as camera and microphone mounted on the device, and particularly, the mount portion provided in the bottom portion is formed capable of being detachably fit into and engaged with the recess made in the peripheral portion of the liquid crystal display panel. Thus, the detachment and replacement of parts are facilitated.

Means for Achieving Object: An accessory part mount device in a liquid crystal display apparatus of a notebook type computer 10 having a structure in which an accessory part 20 is fit into a hole-shaped recess 11 made in an appropriate position of the periphery of the upper cover 11 equipped with the liquid crystal display device, wherein the accessory part 20 has a mount tool 21 having an electric plug 211, and the mount tool 21 and the accessory part 20 are coupled by means of a pivot. As te mount tool is inserted into the recess, the electric plug 211 of the mount tool is fit into a socket connected to a predetermined wire, provided in the bottom portion of the recess.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under U.S. law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the

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Patent Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the claimed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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